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SUBJECT: Organization of East German Ministry of National Defense

1. Attached are seven charts showing the structure of the East German Ministry of National Defense. Attachment 1 shows the overall Ministry, and Attachments 2 through 7 show the structure of various subsidiary elements of the NVA. Black lines indicate the line of command; dotted lines represent a non-command relationship or liaison between units.
2. The following comments apply to Attachment 1:
  - a. The political departments are shown as a shaded block to indicate that they are superimposed units rather than integral parts of the military organization. The Minister of National Defense has no command over the political departments, which are directly responsible to the Chief of the Political Administration of the NVA, Generalmajor DOELLING, under the Central Committee of the SED. This independent status of the political departments is the result of the Politburo resolution of 14 January 1958, giving the Party and the political organizations a dominant role within the military.
  - b. The Flak Regiment in Eggersdorf, the Heavy Tank Battalion in Eggersdorf, the Communications Center in Strausberg, and the Heavy Vehicle Transport Command in Mittenwalde are shown under dual command. These units are responsible to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Oberst GOERINGER, for military matters, but are subordinate to the Political Department for Special Installations, under Oberstleutnant BOSSENZ, on political matters.
  - c. Department ROEBELEN is indicated on the chart by the name of its chief, Generalmajor Gustav ROEBELEN. The precise title and function of this office are not known, nor is it certain that ROEBELEN's department is directly subordinate to the Deputy Minister for Technical Matters and Armament.
  - d. Generalmajor RIENTZSCH has been provisionally appointed as Deputy Minister for Training; the function itself is not provisional.

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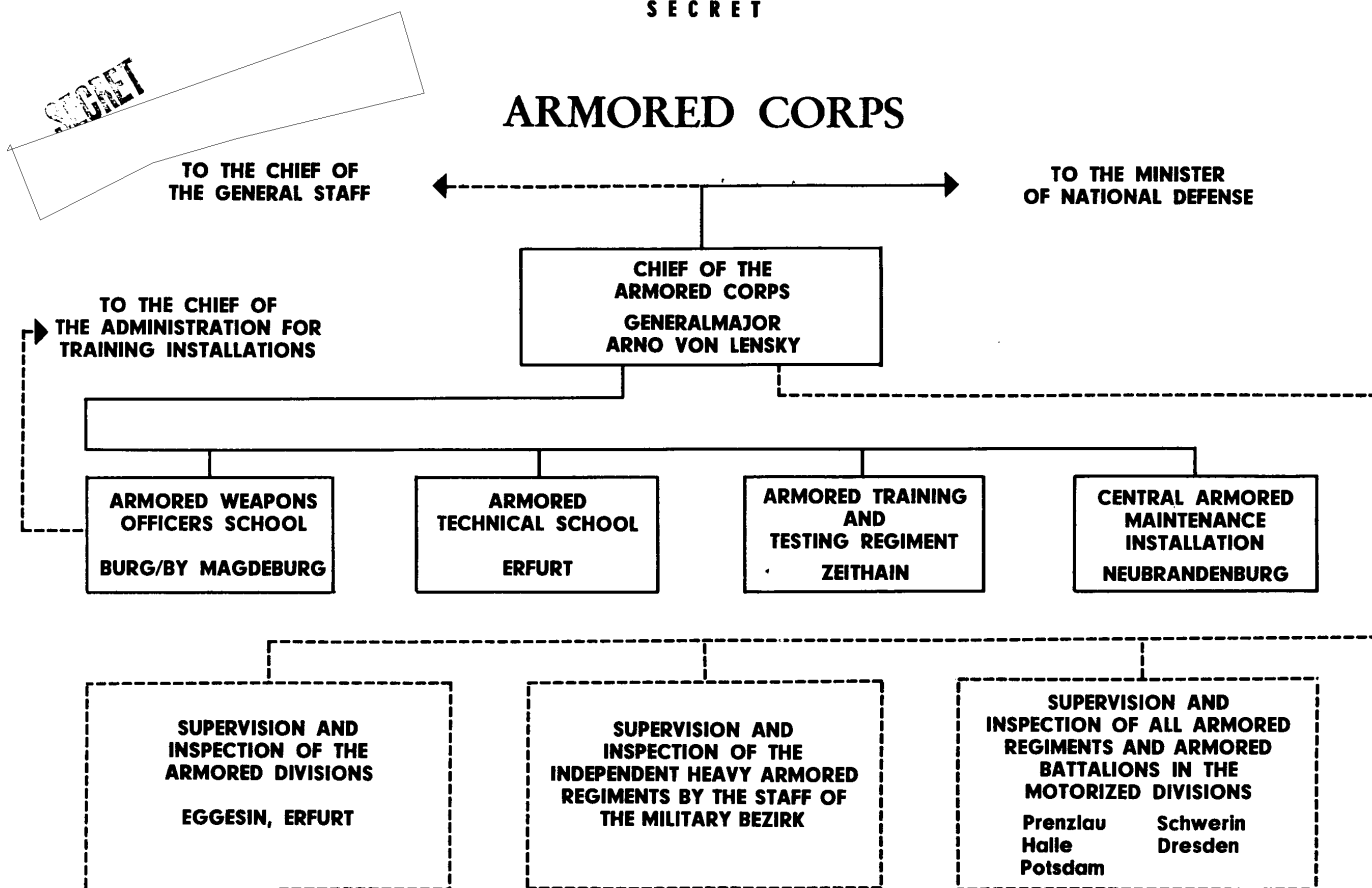
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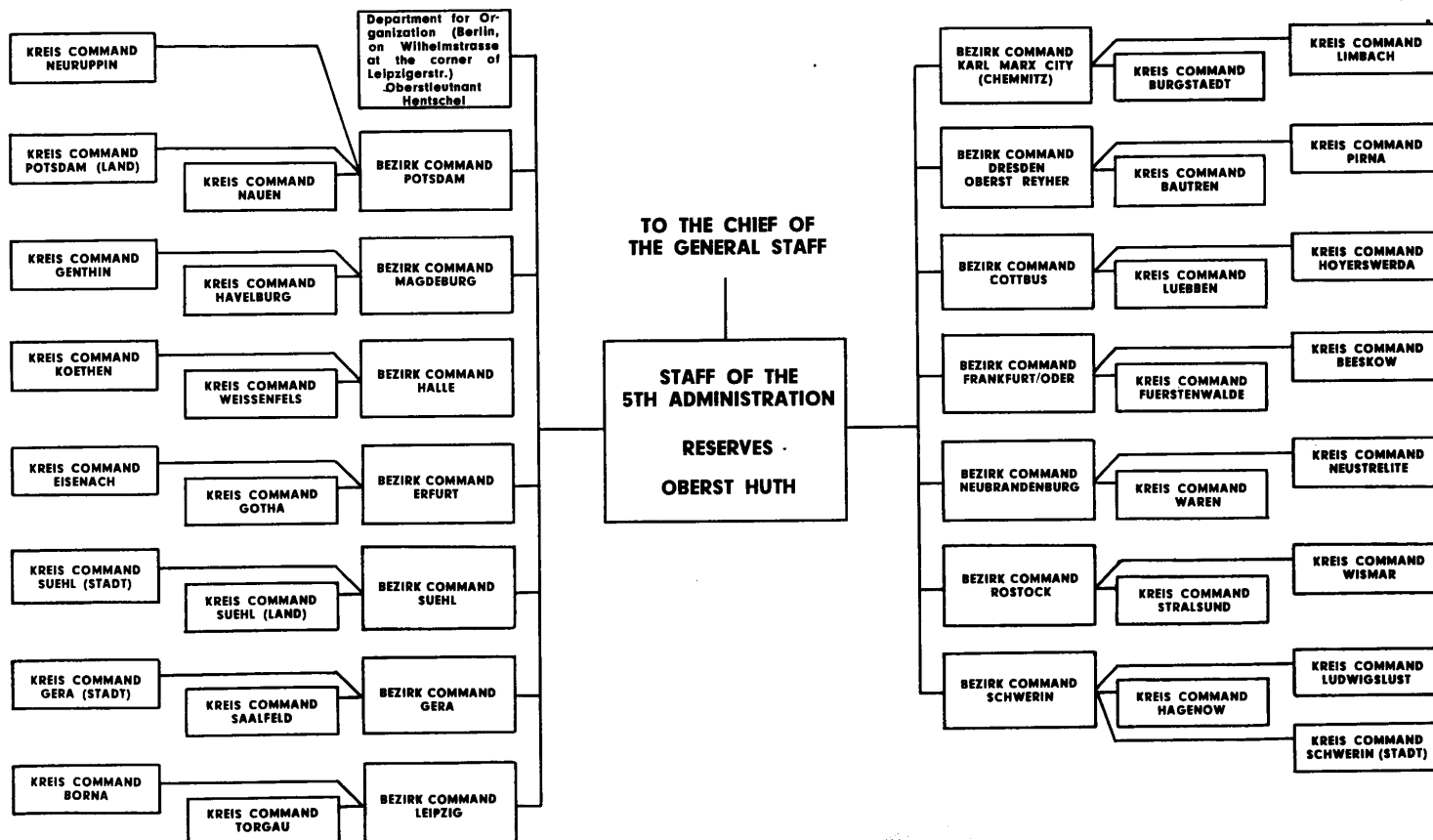
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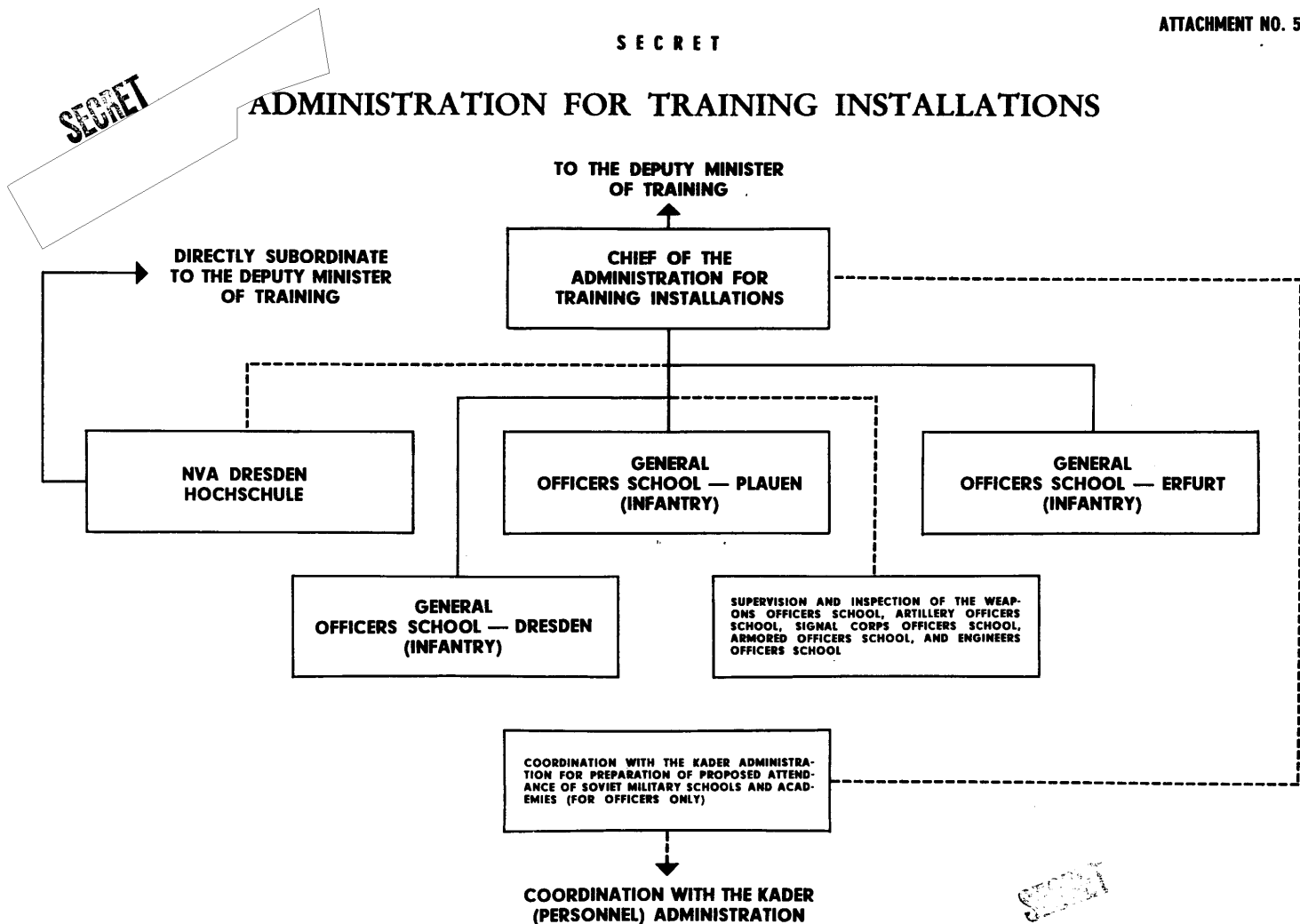
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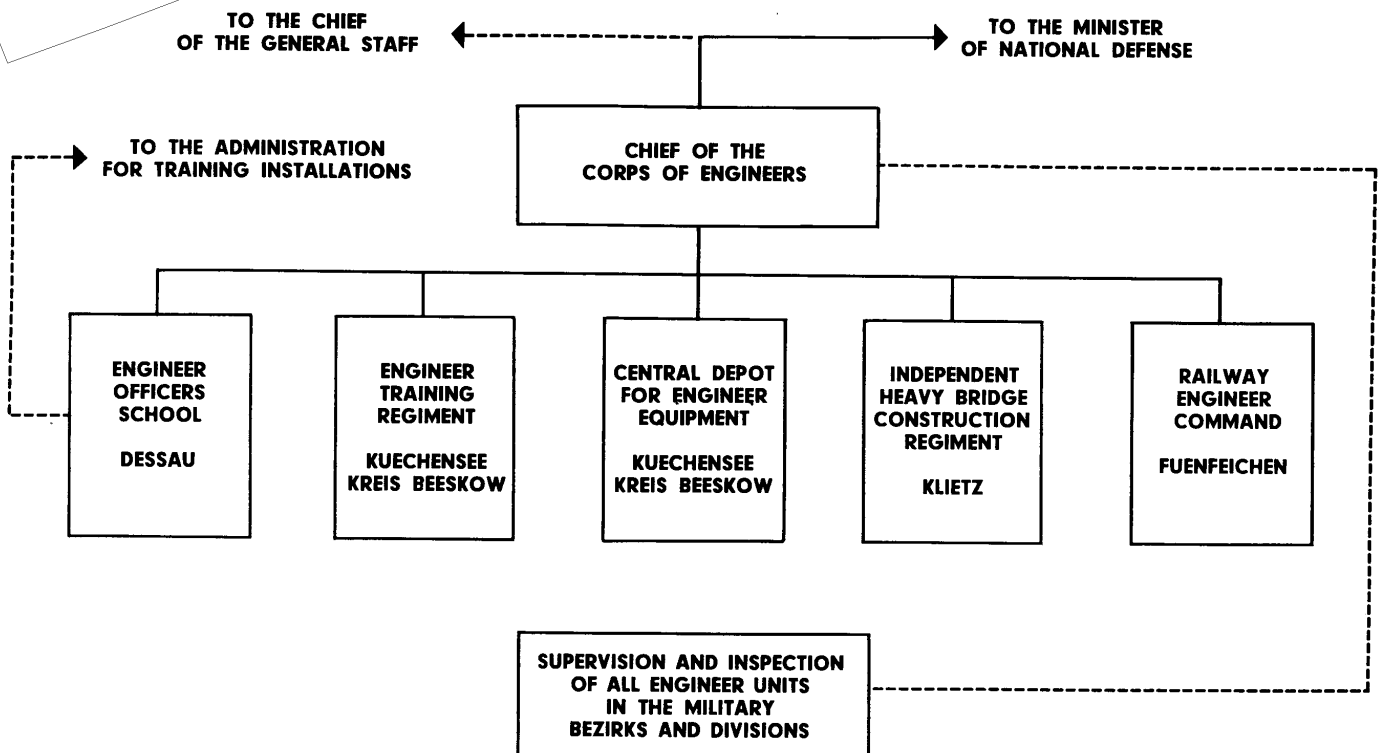
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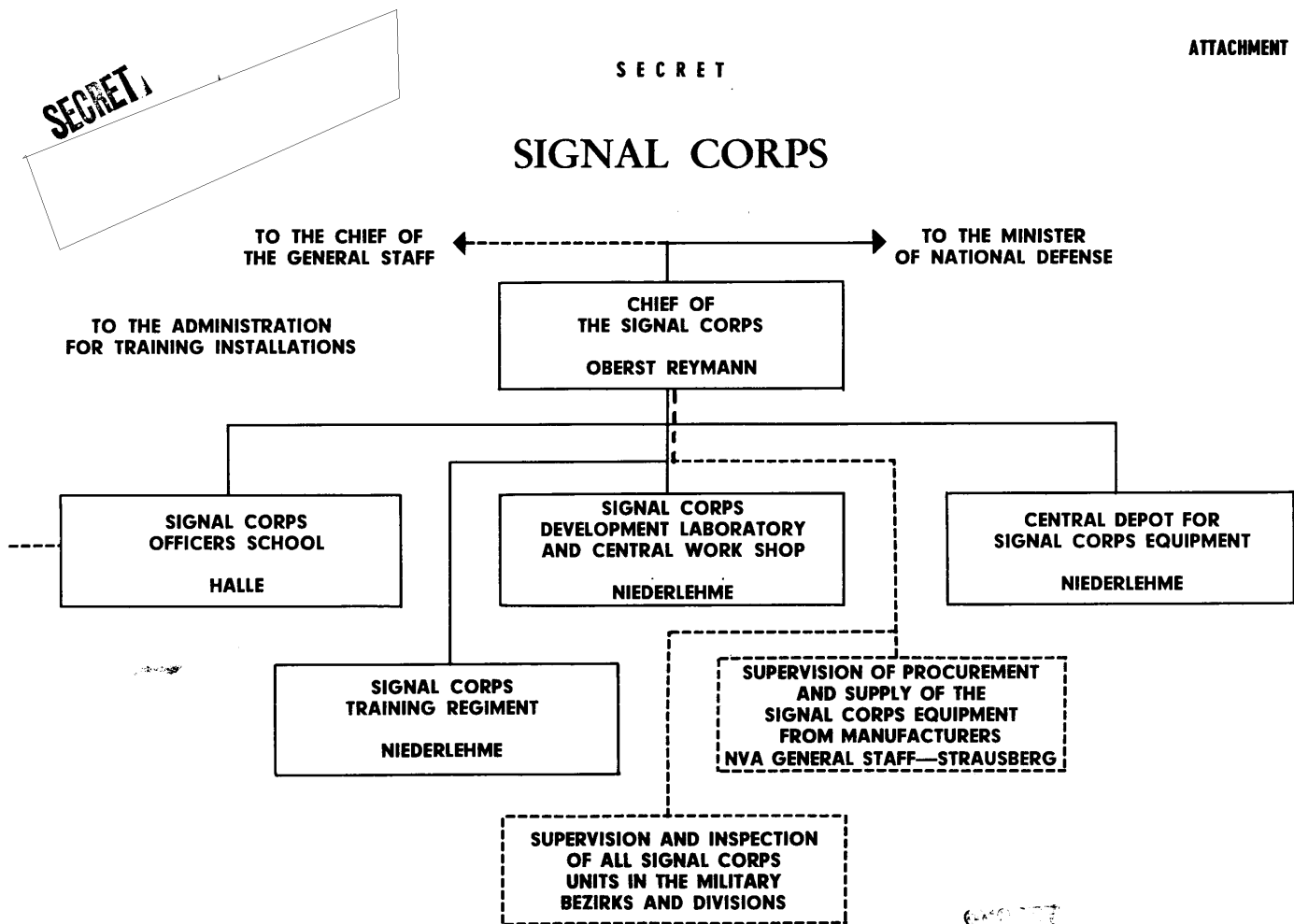
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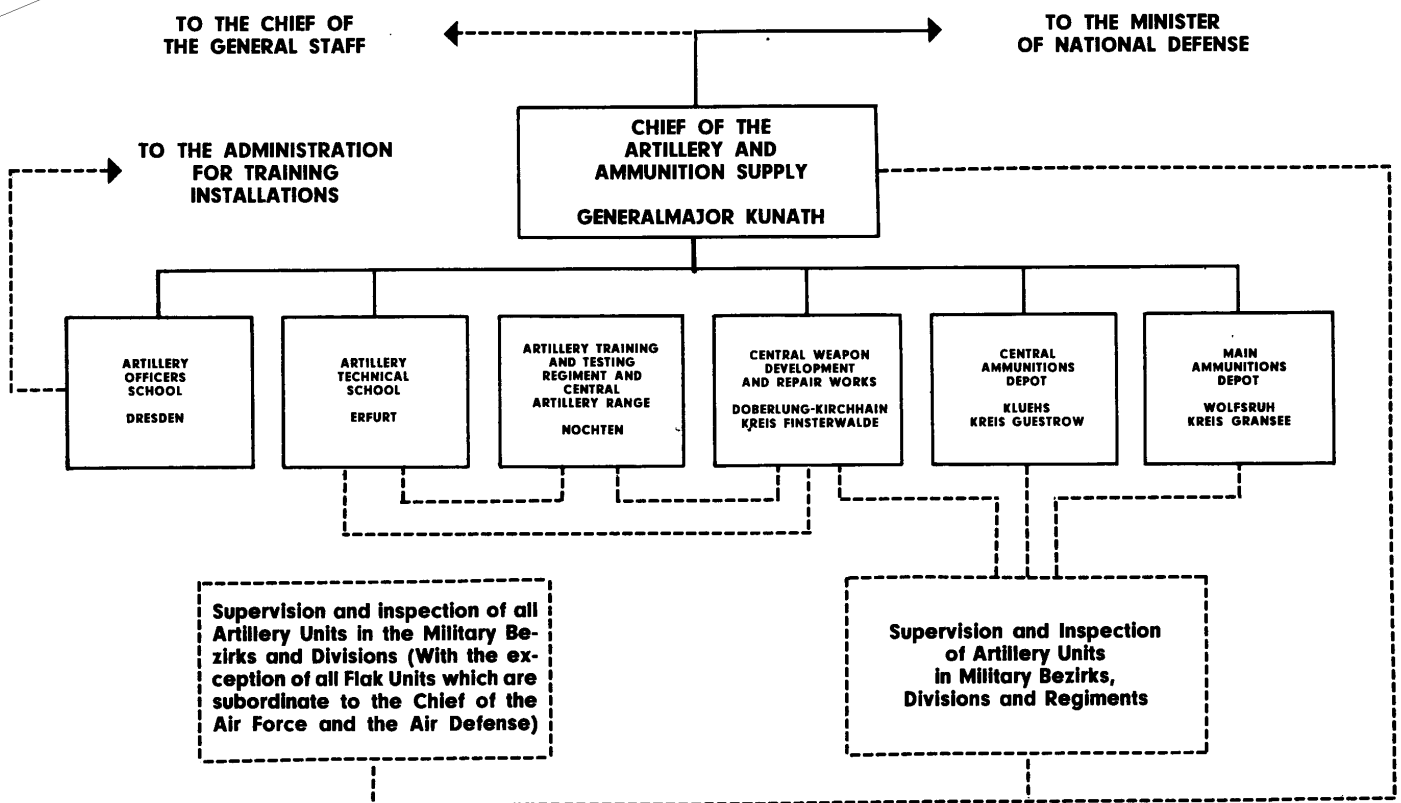
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